

Please replace the section beginning on page 9, line 1 through line 13 as rewritten below:

ABSTRACT

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A method and ~~radio~~radio device are provided for interleaving a stream of data (201) ~~consisting of~~including digital information symbols prior to transmission over a radio interface. A permutation is performed (202, 203, 401, 402) to the stream of digital data, thus producing a permuted stream of digital data (204). From the permuted stream of digital data there are provided at least two component streams (404) for mapping each component stream into a spreading code (406). The order of information symbols is reversed (405) in at least one component stream prior to mapping it into a spreading code.

Fig. 3